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Interim Dealer Service Instructions for:

## **Safety Recall S40 / NHTSA 16V-288 Airbag Cockspring (Interim Repair)**

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### **Models**

**2011 - 2016 (JK) Jeep® Wrangler**

*NOTE: This recall applies only to the above vehicles equipped with Right Hand Drive (RHD) (sales code 5I9) and built through May 02, 2016 (MDH 050215).*

**IMPORTANT:** Some of the involved vehicles may be in dealer used vehicle inventory. Dealers should complete this recall service on these vehicles before retail delivery. Dealers should also perform this recall on vehicles in for service. Involved vehicles can be determined by using the VIP inquiry process.

### **Subject**

The cockspring on about 7,200 of the above vehicles may ingest dust if the vehicle is subjected to dusty environments. Dust inside the cockspring could compromise airbag circuit(s), causing illumination of the airbag warning light and/or the potential for a non-deployment of the driver airbag during a crash, increasing the risk of injury.

### **Repair**

The airbag system must be checked for Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTC's). Vehicles found with cockspring DTC's must have the cockspring replaced.

**NOTE:** All other airbag system issues are not covered under this recall. The repair costs not related to this recall are the responsibility of the owner unless the vehicle is covered under the new car 3/36 warranty or an extended warranty contract. Please note that the permanent remedy for this issue will still need to be performed once the improved parts are available.

## Parts Information

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b>05156106AF</b>	<b>Clockspring</b>
<b>6505656AA</b>	<b>Bolt, Steering Wheel Retaining</b>

## Parts Return

Please make sure to retain this part until the recall claim is paid and the parts disposition has been determined. **This recall part will be subject to parts return.**

## Special Tools

**The following special tools are required to perform this repair:**

- NPN wiTECH micro pod II
- NPN Laptop Computer
- NPN wiTECH Software

**Service Procedure**

**WARNING: TO AVOID SERIOUS OR FATAL INJURY, DISABLE THE SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINT SYSTEM (SRS) BEFORE ATTEMPTING THIS SERVICE PROCEDURE. DISCONNECT AND ISOLATE THE BATTERY NEGATIVE (GROUND) CABLE, THEN WAIT TWO MINUTES FOR THE SYSTEM CAPACITOR TO DISCHARGE BEFORE PERFORMING FURTHER SERVICE. THIS IS THE ONLY SURE WAY TO DISABLE THE SRS. FAILURE TO TAKE THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS COULD RESULT IN ACCIDENTAL AIRBAG DEPLOYMENT.**

**NOTE: A service replacement clockspring is shipped with the clockspring pre-centered and with a molded plastic locking pin installed. This locking pin should not be removed until the steering wheel has been installed on the steering column. If the locking pin is removed before the steering wheel is installed, the clockspring centering procedure must be performed.**

**NOTE: When a clockspring is installed into a vehicle without properly centering and locking the entire steering system, the Steering Angle Sensor (SAS) data does not agree with the true position of the steering system and causes the Electronic Stability Program (ESP) system to shut down. This may also damage the clockspring without any immediate malfunction. The SAS does not require calibration.**

**NOTE: Determining if the clockspring/SAS is centered is also possible electrically using the diagnostic scan tool. Steering wheel position is displayed as ANGLE with a range of up to 900 degrees. Refer to the appropriate menu item on the diagnostic scan tool.**

**NOTE: Before starting this procedure, be certain to turn the steering wheel until the front wheels are in the straight-ahead position and that the entire steering system is locked or inhibited from rotation.**

**Service Procedure (Continued)****A. Clockspring Diagnosis**

**NOTE: The wiTECH scan tool must be used to perform this recall. This procedure must be performed with the latest software release level.**

1. Open the hood. Install a battery charger and verify that the charging rate provides 13.2 to 13.5 volts. Do not allow the charger to time out during the flash process (Figure 1). Set the battery charger timer (if so equipped) to continuous charge.

**NOTE: Use an accurate stand-alone voltmeter. The battery charger voltmeter may not be sufficiently accurate. Voltages outside of the specified range will cause an unsuccessful flash. If voltage reading is too high, apply an electrical load by activating the park or headlamps and/or HVAC blower motor to lower the voltage.**

2. Connect the wiTECH micro pod II to the vehicle data link connector.
3. Place the ignition in the “**RUN**” position.
4. Open a wiTECH Diagnostic session.
5. Starting at the “Select Tool” screen, select the row/tool for the wiPOD device you are using.
6. Enter your “**User id**” and “**Password**”, then select “**Finish**”.
7. Select the “**Next**” tab at the bottom of the screen.
8. From the “**Vehicle View**” screen, read and record all Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTC’s).

**Service Procedure (Continued)**

9. Check for the following DTC's listed below:

**B1B02** Driver Airbag Squib 1 Circuit Open

**B1B06** Driver Airbag Squib 2 Circuit Open

**B1B01** Driver Airbag Squib 1 Circuit High

**B1B05** Driver Airbag Squib 2 Circuit High

**P0581** Speed Control Multiplexed Switch #1 High

**P0579** Speed Control Multiplexed Switch #1 Performance

**P0593** Speed Control Multiplexed Switch #2 High

**P0591** Speed Control Multiplexed Switch #2 Performance

**P1593** Speed Control Multiplexed Switch #1 / #2 Stuck

**U1109** Loss of Communication With SWSM

- If one or more DTC's listed above is present, clear all DTC's and replace the clockspring. Continue with **Section B: Clockspring Replacement**.
- If the airbag warning lamp is illuminated and none of the DTC's listed above are present, the issue with the vehicle is not related to this recall.

**NOTE:** All other airbag system issues are not covered under this recall. The repair costs not related to this recall are the responsibility of the owner unless the vehicle is covered under the new car 3/36 warranty or an extended warranty contract.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** If the clockspring is replaced at this time, the new clockspring being installed is an interim fix until improved parts become available. The recall will remain in "Open" status and the vehicle must return for the permanent remedy when improved parts become available.

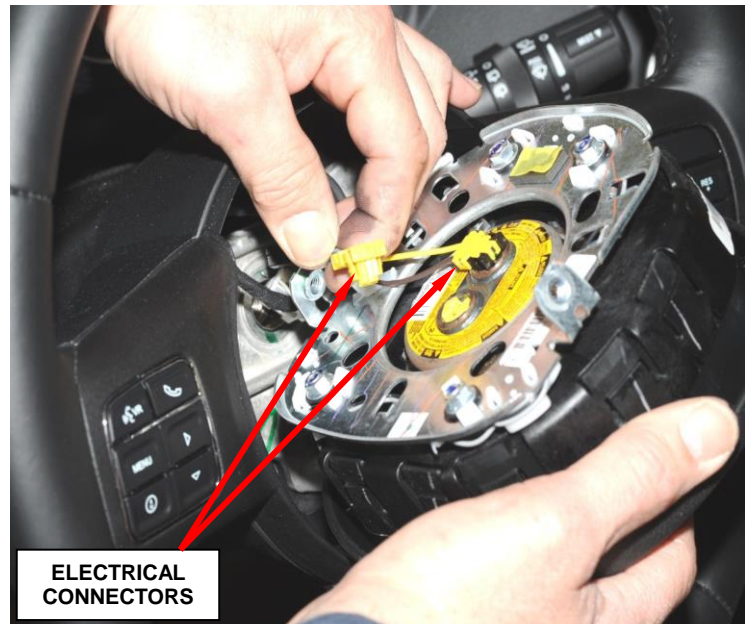
**Service Procedure (Continued)****B. Clockspring Replacement**

1. Place the front wheels in the straight ahead position and inhibit the steering column shaft from rotation.

2. Disconnect and isolate the battery negative cable.

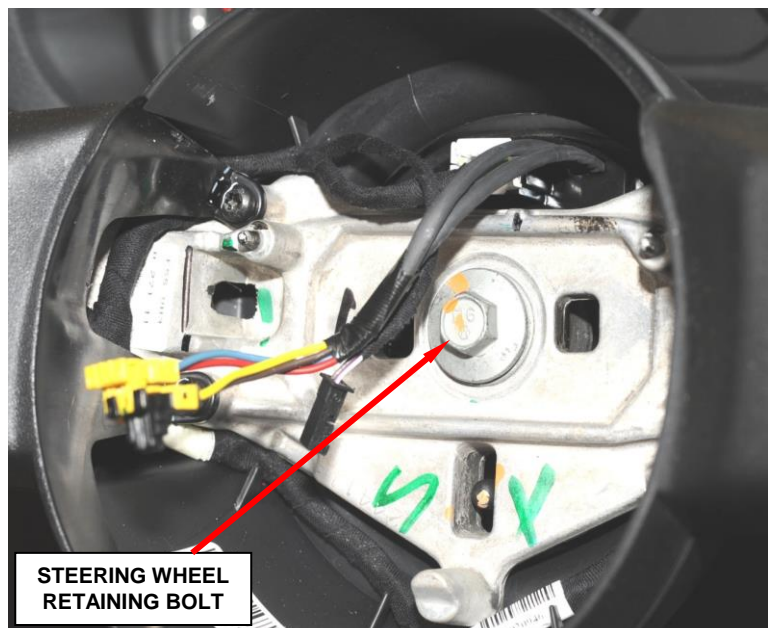
**WARNING: WAIT TWO MINUTES FOR THE SYSTEM CAPACITOR TO DISCHARGE BEFORE PERFORMING FURTHER DIAGNOSIS OR SERVICE.**

3. Remove and save the driver airbag module retaining screws.



**Figure 1 – Airbag Module Electrical Connectors**

4. Separate the driver airbag module from the steering wheel and disconnect the two airbag electrical connectors (Figure 1) and the one horn electrical connector. Then set the driver airbag module aside.
5. Remove and discard the steering wheel retaining bolt from the steering shaft (Figure 2).
6. Remove and save the steering wheel assembly.
7. Move the steering column to the fully lowered position and leave the tilt release lever in the released (down) position.

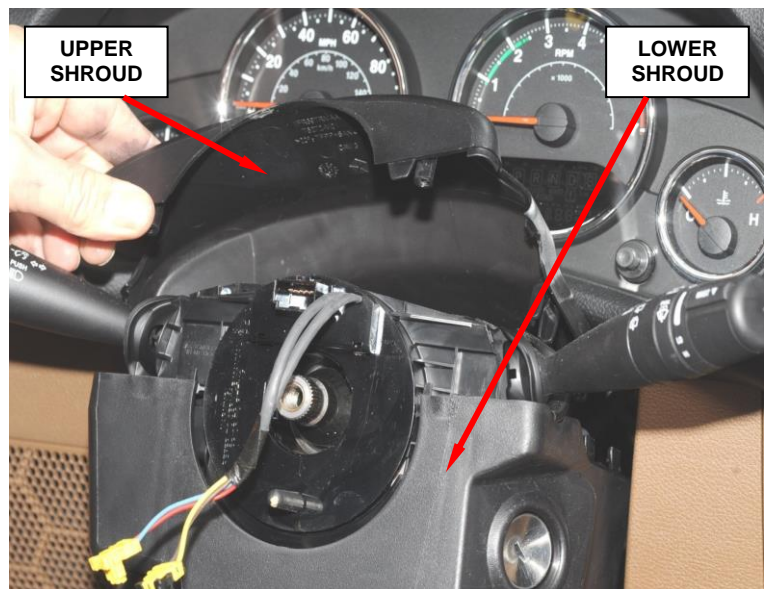


**Figure 2 – Steering Wheel Retaining Bolt**



**Service Procedure (Continued)**

8. Remove and save the upper and lower steering column shrouds from the steering column (Figure 3).



**Figure 3 – Upper and Lower Steering Column Shrouds**

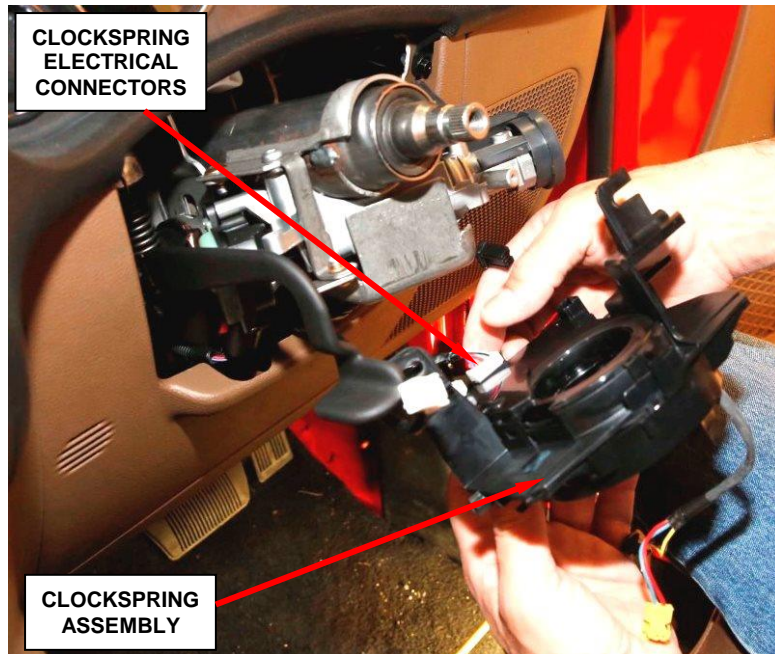
9. Remove and save the right and left multi-function switches (Figure 4).



**Figure 4 – Right and Left Multi-Function Switches**

**Service Procedure (Continued)**

10. Remove the three screws that secure the clockspring to the steering column lock housing.
11. Pull the clockspring away from the steering column lock housing enough to access and disconnect the three instrument panel wire harness electrical connectors from the receptacles on the back of the clockspring (Figure 5).



**Figure 5 – Clockspring Electrical Connections**

12. Remove the clockspring from the steering column.
13. Carefully slide the new clockspring down over the steering column upper shaft far enough to reconnect the three instrument panel wire harness connectors to the receptacles on the back of the clockspring case.
14. Connect the three instrument panel wire harness electrical connectors to the receptacles on the back of the clockspring (Figure 5).
15. Position the clockspring onto the steering column lock housing.



**Service Procedure (Continued)**

16. Install and tighten the three screws that secure the clockspring to the steering column lock housing in the following sequence:
- Lower Right
  - Upper Left
  - Upper Right

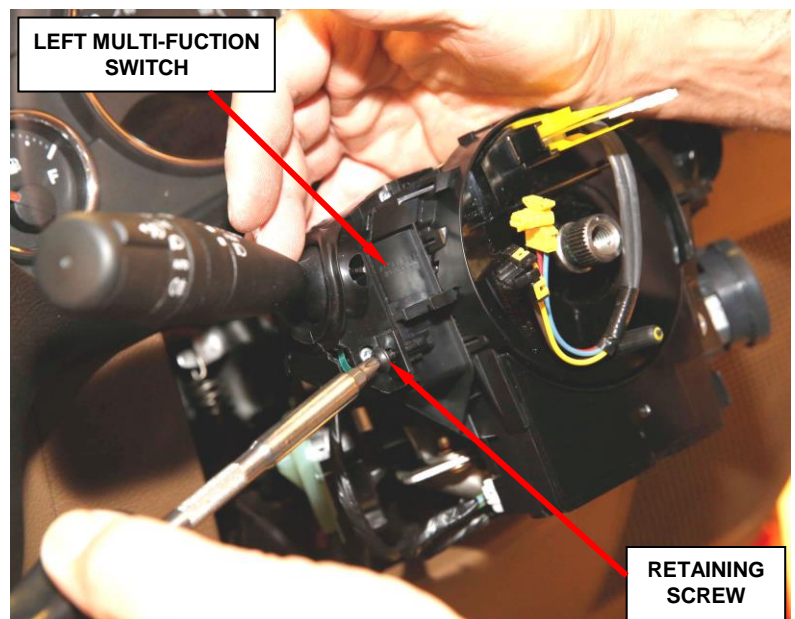
Tighten the screws to 27 in. lbs. (3 N·m).

**CAUTION: Improper sequence when tightening the clockspring mounting screws may result in an audible ticking noise as the steering wheel is rotated.**

17. Place both multi-function switches onto the new clockspring as an assembly and connect the electrical connector.

18. Install the left multi-function switch retaining screw. Tighten the screw to 10 in. lbs. (1 N·m) (Figure 6).

19. Install the right multi-function switch retaining screw. Tighten the screw to 10 in. lbs. (1 N·m).



**Figure 6 – Multi-Function Switch Retaining Screw (left side switch shown)**

**Service Procedure (Continued)**

20. Install the upper and lower steering column shrouds onto the steering column (Figure 7).

21. Move the steering column back to the fully raised position and move the tilt release lever back to the locked (up) position.



**Figure 7 – Install Steering Column Shrouds**

22. Install the steering wheel assembly onto the steering column.

**Service Procedure (Continued)**



**Figure 8 – Install New Steering Wheel Retaining Bolt**

23. Install a new steering wheel retaining bolt finger tight (Figure 11).

24. Remove and discard the plastic locking pin that secures the clockspring rotor (Figure 11 and 12).



**Figure 9 – Remove Clockspring Locking Pin**



**Service Procedure (Continued)**

25. Tighten the new steering wheel retaining bolt to 40 ft. lbs. (54 N·m) (Figure 13).

26. Connect the two airbag electrical connectors and the one horn electrical connector to the driver airbag module.



**Figure 10 – Tighten Steering Wheel Retaining Bolt to 40 ft. lbs. (54 N·m)**

27. Install the driver airbag module onto the steering wheel.
28. Install the two steering wheel driver airbag module retaining screws. Tighten the screws to 120 in. lbs. (13 N·m).
29. Do not connect the negative battery cable at this time. Continue with **Section C. Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Verification Test.**

**Service Procedure (Continued)****C. Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Verification Test**

**NOTE:** The wiTECH scan tool must be used to perform this recall. The wiTECH software is required to be at the latest release level before performing this procedure.

1. Connect the wiTECH scan tool to the vehicle.
2. Turn the ignition switch to the “ON” position, exit the vehicle and close the doors.
3. **If equipped with an Intelligent Battery Sensor (IBS)**, connect the IBS connector and connect the battery negative cable.
4. Open the wiTECH Diagnostic application.
5. Starting at the “**Select Tool**” screen, select the row/tool for the wiPOD device you are using, then select “Next”.
6. Enter your “**User id**” and “**Password**”, then select “**Finish**”.
7. Turn the ignition switch to the “**OFF**” position for about 15 seconds, and then back to the “**ON**” position. Observe the airbag indicator in the instrument cluster.
  - The airbag indicator in the instrument cluster should illuminate for six to eight seconds, and then go out. This indicates that the SRS is functioning normally and that the repairs are complete.
  - If the airbag indicator fails to light or the light and stays ON, there is still an active SRS DTC or malfunction.
8. Check for DTC’s:
  - If there are no DTC’s present, return the vehicle to the customer.
  - If the same DTC’s are present after replacing the clockspring, any additional repair costs are the owner responsibilities.
  - If there are unrelated DTC’s, any additional repair costs are the owner responsibilities.
9. Close the hood, remove the wiTECH scan tool.
10. Return the vehicle to the customer.



**Completion Reporting and Reimbursement**

Claims for vehicles that have been serviced must be submitted on the DealerCONNECT Claim Entry Screen located on the Service tab. Claims submitted will be used by FCA to record recall service completions and provide dealer payments.

**Be aware the Interim S40 Recall repair is intended only to deal with airbag lights ON where the clockspring requires replacement. If the airbag light is ON for a reason other than a failed clockspring this interim recall does not cover those repairs**

Use one of the following labor operation numbers and time allowances:

	<b>Labor Operation Number</b>	<b>Time Allowance</b>
Perform clockspring diagnosis	19-S4-01-81	0.2 hours
Perform clockspring diagnosis and replace clockspring	19-S4-01-82	0.6 hours

Add the cost of the recall parts package plus applicable dealer allowance to your claim.

NOTE: See the Warranty Administration Manual, Recall Claim Processing Section, for complete recall claim processing instructions.

**Dealer Notification**

To view this notification on DealerCONNECT, select “Global Recall System” on the Service tab, then click on the description of this notification.

**Owner Notification and Service Scheduling**

All involved vehicle owners known to FCA are being notified of the service requirement by first class mail. They are requested to schedule appointments for this service with their dealers. A generic copy of the owner letter is attached.

Enclosed with each owner letter is an Owner Notification postcard to allow owners to update our records if applicable.

**Vehicle Lists, Global Recall System, VIP and Dealer Follow Up**

All involved vehicles have been entered into the DealerCONNECT Global Recall System (GRS) and Vehicle Information Plus (VIP) for dealer inquiry as needed.

GRS provides involved dealers with an updated VIN list of their incomplete vehicles. The owner's name, address and phone number are listed if known. Completed vehicles are removed from GRS within several days of repair claim submission.

To use this system, click on the “**Service**” tab and then click on “**Global Recall System.**” Your dealer's VIN list for each recall displayed can be sorted by: those vehicles that were unsold at recall launch, those with a phone number, city, zip code, or VIN sequence.

**Dealers must perform this repair on all unsold vehicles before retail delivery.** Dealers should also use the VIN list to follow up with all owners to schedule appointments for this repair.

*Recall VIN lists may contain confidential, restricted owner name and address information that was obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles of various states. Use of this information is permitted for this recall only and is strictly prohibited from all other use.*

**Additional Information**

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this action, please contact your Service and Parts District Manager.

Customer Services / Field Operations  
FCA US LLC

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL**

**S40 / NHTSA 16V-288**

This notice applies to your vehicle (VIN: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx).

This interim notification letter is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Dear: (Name)

FCA has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain **2011 through 2016 model year Jeep® Wrangler vehicles**.

***The problem is...*** The airbag clockspring on your vehicle may ingest dust if the vehicle is subjected to dusty environments. Dust inside the clockspring could compromise airbag circuit(s), causing illumination of the airbag warning light and/or the potential for a non-deployment of the driver airbag during a crash, increasing the risk of injury.

***What your dealer will do...*** FCA intends to repair your vehicle free of charge (parts and labor). However, the parts required to provide a permanent remedy for this condition are not currently available. FCA is making every effort to obtain these parts as quickly as possible. **FCA will contact you again by mail with a follow-up recall notice when the remedy parts are available.**

***What you must do to ensure your safety...*** Once you receive your follow-up notice in the mail, simply **contact your Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, or RAM dealer right away** to schedule a service appointment.

NOTE: If the airbag warning lamp in your vehicle is illuminated, please schedule a service appointment at your Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, or RAM dealer for a free airbag system diagnosis. If the airbag diagnosis indicates a faulty clockspring, the clockspring will be replaced free of charge. All other airbag system issues are not covered under this recall. The repair costs not related to this recall are the responsibility of the owner unless the vehicle is covered under the new car 3/36 warranty or an extended warranty contract. Please note that the permanent remedy for this issue will still need to be performed once the improved parts are available.

***If you need help...*** If you have questions or concerns which your dealer is unable to resolve, please contact the FCA Recall Assistance Center at 1-800-853-1403.

Please help us update our records by filling out the attached prepaid postcard if any of the conditions listed on the card apply to you or your vehicle. If you have further questions go to **recalls.mopar.com**.

If you have already experienced this specific condition and have paid to have it repaired, you may visit **www.fcarecallreimbursement.com** to submit your reimbursement request online or you can mail your original receipts and proof of payment to the following address for reimbursement consideration: **FCA Customer Assistance, P.O. Box 21-8004, Auburn Hills, MI 48321-8007, Attention: Recall Reimbursement**. Once we receive and verify the required documents, reimbursement will be sent to you within 60 days. If you've had previous repairs and/or reimbursement you may still need to have the recall repair performed on your vehicle.

If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, DC 20590, or you can call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to **safercar.gov**.

We're sorry for any inconvenience, but we are sincerely concerned about your safety. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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Note to lessors receiving this recall: Federal regulation requires that you forward this recall notice to the lessee within 10 days.